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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No.    | CEL23-26AUSA                                |
| First Inventor         | Gaddy et al.                                |
| Title                  | Improved Microbial Process, and Improved... |
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 45]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 6]  
a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☒ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii. ☐ paper  
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Assignee Information

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. 09, 786,544

Prior application information:

Examiner: H. Lilling

Group Art Unit: 1651

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## for FY 2002

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## Complete if Known

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| Application Number   |                       |
| Filing Date          | 01/16/2002            |
| First Named Inventor | James L. Gaddy et al. |
| Examiner Name        |                       |
| Group Art Unit       |                       |
| Attorney Docket No.  | CEL23-26AUSA          |

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1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

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☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.18 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid    |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 101          | 740          | 201           | 370           | Utility filing fee     | 740.00      |
| 106          | 330          | 206           | 165           | Design filing fee      |             |
| 107          | 510          | 207           | 255           | Plant filing fee       |             |
| 108          | 740          | 208           | 370           | Reissue filing fee     |             |
| 114          | 160          | 214           | 80            | Provisional filing fee |             |
| SUBTOTAL (1) |              |               |               |                        | (\$ 740.00) |

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims       | Extra Claims   | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Independent        | 20 -20** = 0 X |                | 0.00     |
| Multiple Dependent | 3 -3** = 0 X   |                | 0.00     |

  

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description  |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| 103          | 18           | 203           | 9             | Claims in excess of 20                                 |
| 102          | 84           | 202           | 42            | Independent claims in excess of 3                      |
| 104          | 280          | 204           | 140           | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                  |
| 109          | 84           | 209           | 42            | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent     |
| 110          | 18           | 210           | 9             | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0.00)

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

| Large Entity                      | Small Entity | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description  | Fee Paid   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|------------|
| 105                               | 130          | 205           | 65            | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |            |
| 127                               | 50           | 227           | 25            | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |            |
| 139                               | 130          | 139           | 130           | Non-English specification  |            |
| 147                               | 2,520        | 147           | 2,520         | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |            |
| 112                               | 920*         | 112           | 920*          | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |            |
| 113                               | 1,840*       | 113           | 1,840*        | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |            |
| 115                               | 110          | 215           | 55            | Extension for reply within first month                                     |            |
| 116                               | 400          | 216           | 200           | Extension for reply within second month                                    |            |
| 117                               | 920          | 217           | 460           | Extension for reply within third month                                     |            |
| 118                               | 1,440        | 218           | 720           | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |            |
| 128                               | 1,990        | 228           | 990           | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |            |
| 119                               | 320          | 219           | 160           | Notice of Appeal   |            |
| 120                               | 320          | 220           | 160           | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |            |
| 121                               | 280          | 221           | 140           | Request for oral hearing   |            |
| 138                               | 1,510        | 138           | 1,510         | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |            |
| 140                               | 110          | 240           | 55            | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |            |
| 141                               | 1,280        | 241           | 640           | Petition to revive - unintentional   |            |
| 142                               | 1,280        | 242           | 640           | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |            |
| 143                               | 460          | 243           | 230           | Design issue fee   |            |
| 144                               | 620          | 244           | 310           | Plant issue fee  |            |
| 122                               | 130          | 122           | 130           | Petitions to the Commissioner  |            |
| 123                               | 50           | 123           | 50            | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)  |            |
| 126                               | 180          | 126           | 180           | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |            |
| 581                               | 40           | 581           | 40            | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 80.00      |
| 146                               | 740          | 246           | 370           | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |            |
| 149                               | 740          | 249           | 370           | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |            |
| 179                               | 740          | 279           | 370           | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |            |
| 169                               | 900          | 169           | 900           | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |            |
| Other fee (specify) _____         |              |               |               |  |            |
| *Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid |              |               |               |  |            |
| SUBTOTAL (3)                      |              |               |               |  | (\$ 80.00) |

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